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SUBJ: ARIA AOCC FLIGHTS THROUGH ZANDERIJ

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161840Z MAY 77, (C) ARIA AOCC MSG 191215Z MAY 77,

(D) EMBASSY PARAMARIBO 0656 DTG 271152Z JUL 76

1. REF (A) GAVE EXPECTED FLIGHTS FOR PLANNING PURPOSES DURING MAY 77 AND LISTED NO OCCASIONS ON WHICH MORE THAN TWO AIRCRAFT WOULD BE ON GROUND AT ZANDERIJ AT ONE TIME. REF (B) SHOWED AGAR 24 AND AGAR 25 DUE TO OVERNIGHT AT ZANDERIJ MAY 20-21 AND AGAIN MAY 24-25, AS IS USUAL SCHEDULE. REF (C) INDICATED ADDITIONAL FLIGHT, AGAR 26, WOULD REMAIN AT ZANDERIJ TWO FULL DAYS, FROM 1900 MAY 23 TO 1900 MAY 25, AND AGAIN FOR THREE AND A HALF DAYS FROM 0330 MAY 26 TO 1300 MAY 29, ALL TIMES ZULU; THIS WAS UNUSUAL SCHEDULING AND WILL MEAN THREE AIRCRAFT ON GROUND NIGHT OF MAY 24-25, BUT EMBASSY NEVERTHELESS RAISED NO QUESTION AND OBTAINED GOVERNMENT OF SURINAM (GOS) CLEARANCE.

2. EMBASSY HAS NOW BEEN INFORMED THAT PILOT OF AGAR 24 OR 25, WHEN TRANSITING ZANDERIJ MAY 20, STATED THAT TWO ADDITIONAL FLIGHTS, AGAR 22 AND AGAR 23, WILL ALSO BE ARRIVING ZANDERIJ MAY 23 AND REMAINING UNTIL MAY 25, WITH RETURN AGAIN MAY 26. IF TRUE, THIS WOULD MEAN FIVE USAF AIRCRAFT ON GROUND AT ONE TIME AND UNCLASSIFIED

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APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED MILITARY PERSONNEL IN PARAMARIBO HOTELS. SINCE NO CLEARANCE REQUEST WAS RECEIVED FOR AGAR 22 AND 23, NO CLEARANCE WAS REQUESTED FROM GOS AND IF AIRCRAFT IN FACT DO ARRIVE THEY WILL DO SO WITHOUT CLEARANCE.

3. THERE ARE POLICY CONSIDERATIONS OTHER THAN THOSE CONNECTED WITH ARIA AOCC TELEMETRY FLIGHTS WHICH BEAR ON QUESTION OF

REQUESTING CLEARANCE FOR MILITARY AIRCRAFT TO LAND AT ZANDERIJ. THIS EMBASSY MUST INSIST ON SUFFICIENT ADVANCE NOTICE, OTHER THAN IN OPERATIONAL EMERGENCIES, TO CONSIDER POLICY MATTERS INVOLVED AND TO REQUEST AND RECEIVE OFFICIAL GOS CLEARANCE. FOR AIRCRAFT TO ARRIVE WITHOUT GOS CLEARANCE MAY LEAD TO DIFFICULTIES AND WILL, IN ANY CASE, ADVERSELY PREJUDICE OUR FUTURE ACTIVITIES.

4. IT MAY BE THAT A MESSAGE IS IN TRANSIT NOW THAT OUGHT TO HAVE ARRIVED OVER WEEKEND. IN THAT CONNECTION, WE REITERATE AND ASK THAT FULL COGNIZANCE BE TAKEN OF REF (D), WHICH CLEARLY INDICATED THAT STATE DEPARTMENT PRECEDENCE INDICATOR "NIACT IMMEDIATE" (ZZK) HAD TO BE USED ON ANY MESSAGES SENT TO THIS EMBASSY WEEKENDS OR AFTER NORMAL WORKING HOURS, AS OTHERWISE THEY WILL NOT BE RECEIVED UNTIL NEXT WORKING DAY.

5. EMBASSY IS INFORMED THAT PILOT OF AGAR 25 ARRIVED OVER ZANDERIJ ONE HOUR IN ADVANCE OF SCHEDULED ARRIVAL TIME ON MAY 20 AND EXPRESSED DISPLEASURE UPON LANDING AT BEING HELD IN PATTERN FOR AN HOUR UNTIL HIS SCHEDULED ARRIVAL TIME. FACT IS THAT AIRPORT WAS OCCUPIED AT THAT TIME WITH CEREMONIAL DEPARTURE OF THE PRESIDENT OF SURINAM ON A STATE VISIT TO THE NETHERLANDS, WITH GUARD OF HONOR, MILITARY BAND, ETC. ON THE FIELD, AND GOS DID NOT DESIRE TO HAVE THESE CEREMONIES INTERRUPTED BY LANDING ON ANOTHER AIRCRAFT. PILOT HAD NO CAUSE TO EXPRESS RESENTMENT AND THAT KIND OF BEHAVIOR WILL NOT BE CONDUCTIVE TO FUTURE COOPERATION BY GOS.

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